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Registration Brochure

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Conveners' Invitation

Dear Colleagues,

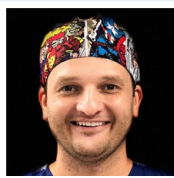
We are thrilled to welcome you to the 2024 Victorian Section Meeting of the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ). After two excellent meetings held at The Events Centre, Collins Square, we look forward to another noteworthy day event at this familiar, central venue.

This year it is Geelong's turn to host and a large proportion of our unit has a particular interest in education and training. Fitting in with the fundamental purpose of this meeting to enhance our professional development and the education of our advanced trainees, our theme for this year is "*Learning for Life*".

We will be following a similar format to previous programs and will hold the Victorian Section AGM at the beginning, running parallel with the trainee education session. In addition to presentations of submitted research papers, we will focus on the art and practice of urology education and training. We will delve into some established and emerging innovations and technologies that enhance adult learning, including a debate on "*Simulation vs Immersion*". And we will endeavour to extract some wisdom from experienced colleagues on how to deal with the increasingly rapid need to acquire new knowledge and skills throughout one's surgical career. We will also be running a concurrent nurses' program for part of the day. This will cover topics exploring diversity in current trends and evolving techniques to include future learning. We will be encompassing practices in outpatient, hospital, and community settings.

We would like to thank all our sponsors for their support of this event.

Following the educational program, we welcome you to a stand-up "cocktail style" Closing Reception with beverages and canapes, so you can enjoy catching up and networking with colleagues, trainees, and industry representatives.



George Mirmilstein FRACS

Urology Program Convener



Teresa Smilovic

Nurses' Program Convener



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About USANZ

The Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) is the peak membership organisation for urological surgeons and other health professionals working in the field of Urology.

The Society's vision is to maintain its commitment to clinical excellence, on-going education, promotion of research and the dissemination of information on urological topics for the benefit of our Members.

Attendance

The USANZ Victorian Section Meeting (VSM) 2024 will attract Urologists, Urology and General Nurses, Trainee/SIMG 's, Medical Students and Other Health Professionals. The estimated attendance for this meeting is approximately 70 - 100 delegates.

Dates & Venue

The USANZ VSM 2024 will be held on Friday 11 October 2024 at the Collins Square Events Centre, Melbourne, Victoria. For further venue information, please visit www.collinssquare.com.au.

Organising Committee

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Invited Speakers – Urology Program



Dr Tony Chen

Dr Tony Chen is a radiologist and nuclear medicine physician by day and a traveling dad by night. Tony is known for his travel adventures on the Facebook group Frequent Flying Doctors and has given travel tips and advice to hundreds of members. Tony is a published author and his book *Chen's Clinical Anatomy* can be found in most medical libraries around the world. At home, he loves playing with his two kids and his lovely wife. Outside his home, he is a swing dance teacher and runs dumpling making classes.



Dr Robert Forsyth

Rob is a general urologist working in Ballarat. He has been involved in medical education and Urology training for many years and has contributed to the development of the recently revised Urology Curriculum.



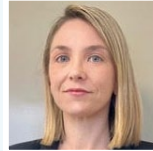
Associate Professor Richard Grills

Richard is the Director of Urological Surgery and Director of Robotic Surgery at Barwon Health. He is the Urology Specialty Coordinator for the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) Global Health and SIMG Assessor and Representative for the Board of Urology. He is a past Chair of the Board of Urology and is involved in designing and facilitating surgical education courses for the RACS.



Dr Joseph Ischia

Associate Professor Joseph Ischia is a urologist in Melbourne at Austin Health and an academic at the University of Melbourne who specializes in the surgical and medical management of advanced urological cancers. He trained in Melbourne and completed a PhD at the University of Melbourne in the field of molecular biology of kidney and prostate cancers. He did a two-year Uro-oncology fellowship in Vancouver. He started a podcast in 2016, *Talking Urology*, which looks below the hood of the landmark papers in Urology. He was the founder of *MedLitGo.com* a free online resource for doctors to get quick, easy, and reliable insights from the latest medical papers at the relevant point in the disease journey. He is the CEO and founder of *JiffyStent*, a ureteric stent insertion device which is an operating room in the palm of your hand that has the potential to transform the management of acute renal colic.



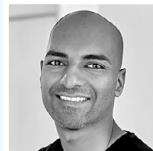
Dr Kathryn McLeod

Kathryn is a urologist in Geelong and has a special interest in surgical education. She has completed her master's degree and is currently completing her PhD in surgical education at The University of Melbourne, focusing on underperformance and remediation. She is the chair of the education subcommittee for USANZ.



Dr Justin Peters

Justin Peters is an expert robotic urological surgeon with a long association with the Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Epworth Hospital. He has been a practicing Urologist since 1985 and has particular interest in prostate cancer and urinary stone disease. In October of 2003, he underwent training in robotic surgery at the University of California Irvine, and commenced robotic, radical prostatectomies, at the Epworth Hospital in December of 2003, as one of the first surgeons in the Southern Hemisphere to master the new technology.



Dr Nimesh Piyatissa

Futurist, Medical Doctor, and CEO of Akuru - As a visionary leader and a seasoned medical professional, Dr Piyatissa has spearheaded numerous initiatives that leverage cutting-edge technologies to streamline clinical medicine.



Dr Fairleigh Reeves

Dr Fairleigh Reeves is a urological surgeon with a subspecialty interest in prostate and renal robotic surgery. She is a fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and has completed a fellowship in Uro-Oncology and Robotic surgery at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital in London. Fairleigh has a PhD in prostate cancer from The University of Melbourne and is passionate about providing evidence-based, patient-centred care.



Dr Anthony Ta

Anthony is a urologist who trained in Melbourne and worked at the prestigious University College Hospital in London for four years specialising in complex robotic surgery. He returned to Melbourne in 2023 and works at Austin, St Vincent's, and Epworth Health.



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Tori Bellentina

Tori is a sexologist at Passionfruit, where warmth and expertise meet. With a degree from Curtin University and nine years of experience, Tori brings a wealth of knowledge

to her role. From intimate skin care to navigating menopause and post-prostatectomy rehabilitation, Tori's passion for sexual wellness shines through. She is not just a specialist; she is a trusted educator having presented for esteemed organisations like Ovarian Cancer Australia and the Asia-Pacific Prostate Cancer Conference.

Beyond her professional accolades, Tori's journey has touched diverse fields, from education to plastic surgery and music. Now, at Passionfruit, she is on a mission to empower individuals through private consulting, personal and professional development programs, fostering a safe and welcome space for everyone to explore and grow.

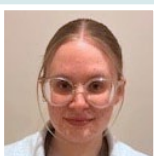
Passionfruit itself is more than an adult store; it is a haven with 25 years of experience where every staff member is a trained educator with their own specialty. With a commitment to accessibility, comfort, and safety, Passionfruit offers a highly curated collection of products made from medical-grade or body-safe materials, including lubricants formulated for internal use. Come in, feel at ease, and embark on a journey of sexual discovery with Tori and Passionfruit.



Eubertina Chisaka

Eubertina (Tina) is a highly skilled Urology Clinical Nurse Consultant at West Coast Urology, with over 19 years of experience in Urology and continence management across

New Zealand and Australia. Holding a postgraduate diploma in nursing specialising in continence management, Tina is dedicated in providing exceptional care to patients with complex continence and urological needs. She excels in collaborating with multidisciplinary teams and implementing evidence-based practices to optimise patient outcome.



Imogen Coombes

Imogen is a Clinical Nurse Specialist who has worked in Colorectal and Urological surgery since 2017. She is passionate about health education and currently

teaching at Gordon TAFE providing in-depth previews into nursing for high school students, while also being a clinical facilitator for undergraduate students. She has a keen interest in the Urology field.

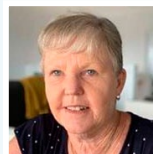


Rochelle Hamilton

Rochelle has been nursing for 48 years and holds registration in general and midwifery nursing. She also holds several other qualifications, including a Masters in Sexual

Health, and is completing her Doctorate in Public Health. She is the Clinical Nurse Consultant/ Nurse Manager at the Barwon Reproductive & Sexual Health Clinic at University Hospital Geelong and works privately as a Clinical Sexologist at Barwon Consulting Suites in Geelong.

As a Clinical Sexologist, Rochelle supports all clients in journeys of their sexual needs, where this can include self-discovery of their sexual well-being and identity or considering new ways to explore sexual pleasure and intimacy due to various barriers such as medical illness, medication side effects, physical or emotional traumas, and ageing.



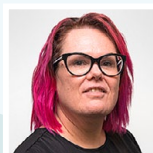
Monica Harrop

Monica is a Registered Nurse with 47 years of clinical nursing experience, working in rural Victoria for 35 of her 47 years. She is currently working as a Continence Nurse Consultant at

Barwon Health and private practice and has been working as a Continence Nurse consultant for 20 years.

Monica has experience in Midwifery, Operating Suite, Day Surgery, Accident & Emergency, Oncology, Continence Nursing - 20 years' experience, Prostate Cancer Nursing, Wound Management, Diabetes Education, Nursing Education, Health Services Management, Workplace Training and mentors students, however for the past 10 years she has devoted her career solely to Continence Nursing, which is her real passion.

Throughout her career she has always thrived when taking on new challenges and learning opportunities. She has a strong belief in sharing knowledge and learning from others.



Kirstyn Rantall

Kirstyn is a Urology nurse specialist who is skilled in the care, management, and support patients with urological conditions. Prior to joining Geelong Urology, Kirstyn has extensive

experience on the Urology Ward in the St John of God Hospital. She has completed additional training in Urology nursing.



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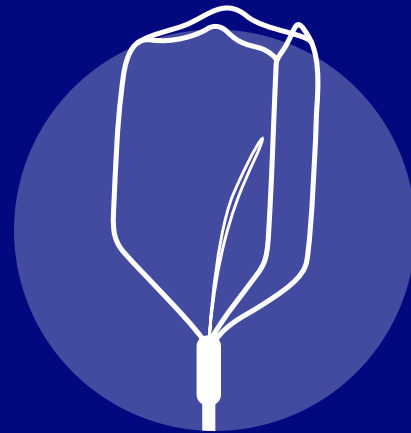


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Provisional Program

Program correct at a time of distribution (June 2024).

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7:00am – 8:00am	Registration and Arrival Tea and Coffee	
8:00am – 9:00am	Concurrent Session 1A: Trainee Education Session	Concurrent Session 1B: USANZ VIC AGM
9:00am – 9:05am	Introduction and Acknowledgement of Country	
9:05am – 10:00am	Session 2: Paying it Forward <i>How to be a better surgical trainer</i> – Dr Kathryn McLeod <i>New training assessments/structure</i> – Dr Robert Forsyth Q&A	
10:00am – 10:30am	Morning Tea with Industry	
10:30am – 12:30pm	Concurrent Session 3A: Research Presentations	Concurrent Session 3B: Nursing Session
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch with Industry	
1:30pm – 2:50pm	Session 4: Innovation and Technology <i>Application of AI/tech in private practice</i> – Dr Nimesh Piyatissa <i>VR headset for robotic surgery</i> – Dr George Mirmilstein <i>How to do a medical device start-up</i> – Dr Joseph Ischia	
2:50pm – 3:30pm	Debate: Simulation vs Immersion <i>For Simulation</i> – Dr Fairleigh Reeves <i>For Immersion</i> – Associate Professor Richard Grills	
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Afternoon Tea with Industry	
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Session 5: Old Dog, New Tricks <i>Benefits of overseas Fellowship</i> – Dr Anthony Ta <i>Travel hacks for doctors</i> – Dr Tony Chen <i>Staying relevant throughout your career</i> – Dr Justin Peters Q&A	
5:30pm – 7:00pm	Closing Reception	



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Abstract Submissions

Abstract Submission Guidelines

The closing date for all abstract submissions is 11:59PM AEST Sunday 18 August 2024. Abstracts submitted after the closing date will not be considered.

1. All abstracts are to be submitted via the online portal.
2. The title should be brief and as informative as possible.
3. Research papers should follow the format: Aims, Methodology, Results, Conclusion.
4. Please list the authors' full first name, full last name, and affiliation.
5. Excluding title, and authors' name and affiliation, the abstract must not exceed 300 words. Any references must be included in this allowance.
6. Abbreviations should be used only for common terms. For uncommon terms, the abbreviation should be given in brackets after the first full use of the word.
7. Presentations will only have electronic PowerPoint support and are to be presented in-person on the day. Audio-visual instructions will be included in correspondence sent to all successful authors.
8. A 50-word biography is required from each presenter to facilitate the Chair's introduction.
9. The timing of all presentations is at the discretion of the organising committee.
10. Notification of the timing of presentations will be included in correspondence sent to all successful authors.
11. Tables, diagrams, graphs, etc CANNOT be accepted in the abstract submission site.
12. Authors MUST be registered for the meeting to present and for their abstract to appear in the meeting publications and on the website.

Paper or email copies will not be accepted, nor will abstracts be submitted by Meeting Organisers on behalf of authors.

SET Urology Trainees may submit abstracts for their clinical audit, critical appraisal, or a research project.

Registration and Pricing

All prices are in Australian Dollars (\$AUD) and are inclusive of GST.

Please note: All registrations are inclusive of one (1) ticket to the Closing Reception. Additional tickets for the Closing Reception can be purchased for \$88.00 per person.

USANZ Members

Member rates only apply to members of the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ).

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of USANZ, please view the [Our Memberships](#) page on the USANZ website.

USANZ MEMBER REGISTRATION

USANZ Member Urologist	\$ 275.00
USANZ Member Trainee / SIMG	\$ 220.00
USANZ Member Other Health Professional	\$ 165.00
USANZ Member Retired	\$ 100.00

NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION

Non-Member Urologist	\$ 315.00
Non-Member Urologist – Onsite Registration*	\$ 440.00
Non-Member Registrar / JMO / SIMG	\$ 255.00
Non-Member Resident	\$ 255.00
Non-Member Nurse	\$ 190.00
Non-Member Other Health Professional	\$ 190.00
Non-Member Medical Student	\$ 65.00

*The onsite registration fee applies to Non-Member Urologists who have not pre-registered online prior to arriving at the event.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be notified in writing to usanz.vic@surgeons.org

Cancellations made on or prior to Friday 20 September 2024 will incur a 20% cancellation fee of the total registration cost. No refunds will be given to cancellations made after Friday 20 September 2024.



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General Information

Registration Desk

The registration desk will be located on Level 5, Collins Square Events Centre, Melbourne, Victoria.

Opening hours: Friday 11 October 2024 from 7:00am to 5:00pm.

Industry Exhibition

Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea will be served in the industry exhibition in the Anteroom.

Parents' Room and Childminding Services

A parents' room will be available at the venue, please visit the registration desk if required. Below is a list of childcare agencies that offer in-home childcare in Melbourne.

RACS/USANZ accepts no liability for any of the below-listed childcare companies and it is up to the individual to choose and be responsible for their bookings.

Asharon Agency – www.asharonagency.com.au

Rockmybaby Australia – www.rockmybaby.com.au

Abracadabra Childcare Services – www.abrachild.com.au

Venue

The 2024 USANZ Victorian Scientific Meeting is being held at the Collins Square Events Centre, Tower 2, Level 5, 727 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria. For more information about the venue please visit: www.collinssquare.com.au

Car Parking

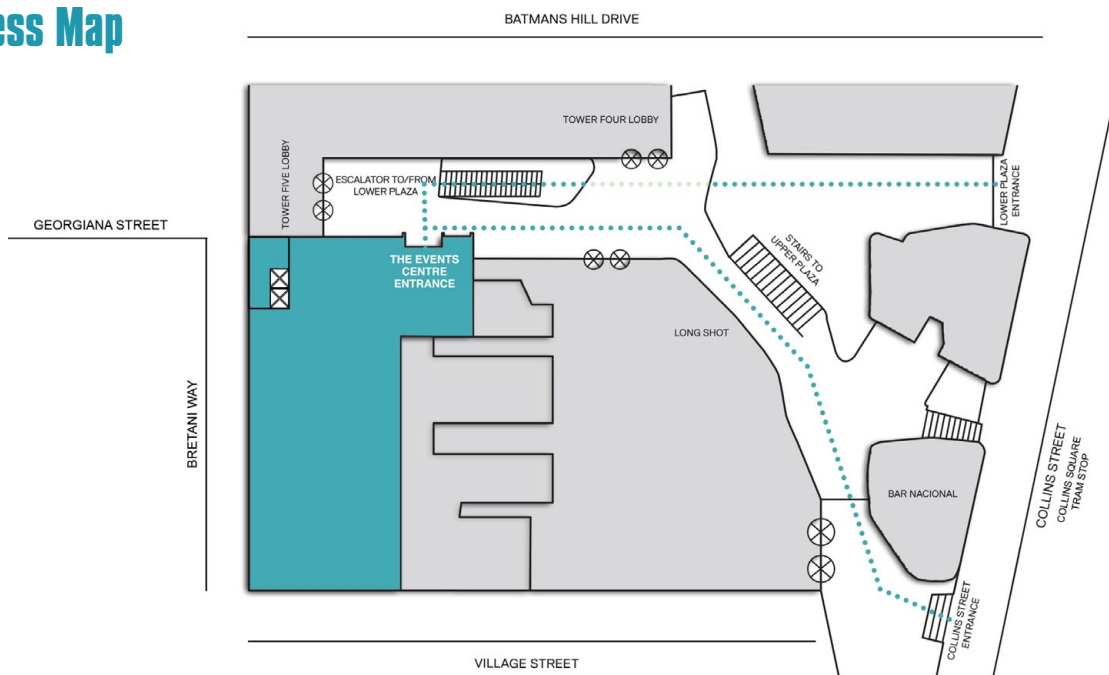
There are several public car parks within walking distance of Collins Square.

- Secure Parking – 700 Collins Street, Melbourne
Located approximately 150m from 727 Collins Street (2-minute walk)
- Watergate Care Park – 767 Bourke Street, Melbourne
Located approximately 300m from 727 Collins Street (5-minute walk)
- Inter Park – 717 Bourke Street, Docklands
Located approximately 400m from 727 Collins Street (5-minute walk)
- Wilson Parking – 800 Bourke Street, Melbourne
Located approximately 550m from 727 Collins Street (7-minute walk)
- World Trade Centre – 38 Siddeley Street, Docklands
Located approximately 800m from 727 Collins Street (12-minute walk)

Public Transport

The Collins Square Events Centre is located within the Melbourne CBD and within proximity to public transport. If catching the train, the venue is 200m from Southern Cross Station. Alternatively, tram stop D15-Batmans Hill/Collins St (Tram 48 and 11) is located just outside the venue.

Access Map





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